

HOT SHOT FOR BCLTE.

Banker Volpe Denounced the Civil Justice in His Own Court.

Repeatedly Adjourned His Cases Without Apparent Good Reason.

Yesterday He Had to Attend Boss Divver's Son's Wedding.

The attaches of Civil Justice Herman Bolte's Second District Court, at Centre Market, witnessed something of a scene there yesterday, in which the justice himself and an associate justice were the principal characters. The latter thought himself aggrieved. He complained that it was impossible to obtain justice there, and concluded a bitter tirade by denouncing the Court and everybody connected with it as a gang of Tammany heeled, working in the interest of Tammany and utterly regardless of the rights of citizens.

Justice Bolte, by the way, is the particular protegee of Police Justice Patrick Divver, and the latter's son is clerk of the court. They are members of the Divver Club, as is also Lawyer James Walsh, nephew of the ex-Warden of the Tombs. Both Justice Bolte and the lawyer are said to have been two of the men who went before the Grand Jury and denied that Divver, P. J., or any one else, had offered prizes or positions for the district captain showing the most votes for the Democratic ticket in the last election. All of the parties named figure to some extent in this story, which serves in a way to demonstrate how justice is administered in that district court.

The complainant in the case, who had the "run in" as those who heard it call it, with Justice Bolte, was Vincent Volpe, member of the firm of L. Volpe & Co., bankers and steamship brokers, of 72 Mulberry street. Although an Italian by birth he has been an American citizen for over twenty years. He is one of the wealthiest men in the Italian colony, and until this year was a frequent and liberal contributor to Tammany. Now, however, it is different. He has refused to contribute anything to the party, and has been the cause of nearly every Italian society in the city, and is working with the reformers. This year he had the houses around Mulberry Bend for the purpose of laying out a park there, he said. The officials advertised for bidders for the houses. The terms were that no yearly leases would be given, but that the houses would be sold at the end of the year. The idea, as I understand it, was that the houses might be sold at any time to make way for the park.

For some of the houses I was the highest bidder, and at a rental of \$1,800 I got them. My bidding was simply a speculation. I hoped to rent the houses and make money on them. Thanks to Justice Bolte I am out on this month alone. The houses are now in my hands, but if I can find any law to make him pay for it, I will certainly avail myself of it.

"Among the houses which I rented from the city was the one at Mulberry Bend. Justice Bolte had agreed to pay my rent, but when rent day came, on the first of this month, he refused to do so, claiming that the city owned the property.

"In order to establish my position, as well as to recover the rent, I brought suit against the tenants in Justice Bolte's court. The cases were set down before him for Sept. 7.

"When that day came around and I appeared in court, I found that the tenants had engaged Lawyer James Walsh, a member of the Divver Club, as their counsel. Justice Bolte said he would not try the cases that day, as he was preparing for the Divver parade. I was astonished. He set the cases down for Sept. 13.

"Well, that day came around, and Justice Bolte was again ready. He said he had no time then to hear the case, but that every day he would hear it. I told him that every day I would hear it, but he had no time. He said I would have to be satisfied to have the case tried on the 13th.

"Tuesday came," and Mr. Volpe's indignation began to rise as he thought of it. "What did Justice Bolte do? Why, he said he would not hear the case that day. I pointed out that this month's rent was lost to me, anyhow, but he said he could not possibly hear me until the 20th of the month, and he would then surely take them up."

"I went there yesterday with my lawyer, he continued, and what do you think happened? Well, my lawyer saw me Justice Bolte said: 'What do you think I am going to hear your case today? Do you know what day it is? Why, Justice Bolte's son is to be married to-day, and I cannot listen to you.'

"That simply took my breath away. I did not know what to say at first. Then I asked him if he would make an order requiring the tenants to deposit the month's rent with him, pending a settlement of the ownership question. I pointed out that this month was practically over and that as an act of simple justice he ought to do that.

"He said he had nothing to do with that, and the case would all have to do over until Sept. 24. That of course meant that even if the cases would be heard then, I would lose my rent, because the tenants could easily move out."

"It was more than I could stand, and I let fly at him. I said that although I had lost through him over \$20,000, the month I would spend ten times that amount to get it back from him, and I will win him five or six dollars of it and all that has cost me."

"I denounced the gang as a lot of Tammany heeled, and utterly regardless of the rights of citizens. I asked him what business it was of mine whether Justice Bolte was married or not, and whether he was paid for attending Divver marriages, and Divver took exception to that. He said he was of the court. Well, he talked back at me, and after a time I backed out. Now, you can say this for me, that none of that gang has power to 'fix' me, and I will push this case against Justice Bolte to the end."

"I think I know the real reason for acting against my driver. The Italian took 120 of the Divver Club's tickets at \$5 each. This year the Italians only took eleven tickets. I am Treasurer of the Italian Republican League, and had much to do with the falling off in the sale of tickets. I know the names of the best Italian, who were members of the Divver Club, have left, or are leaving. Justice Bolte is a member of the Divver Club, and he was counsel for the tenants."

Twenty words of "Situations Wanted" advertisements in "The World" for 10 cents. Fourteen words of "Houses and Rooms" in "The World" for 50 cents.

MISS SHIRLEY BEATEN.

The Actress Will Have to Pay Boot-maker Azimonti's Bill and Costs.

Bootmaker Azimonti, who sued Actress Madeline Shirley in the Sixth District Civil Court a week ago to recover the price of three pairs of stage boots, has got his judgment. Miss Shirley will have to pay, not only the \$24 which he claimed for the price of the boots, but \$75 costs besides.

There is no question but that the decision of the learned Court, who, by the way, is Justice Stiner, is most trying to Miss Shirley, not alone from the fact that she will have to pay the money, but because she is a married woman, and has suffered in being beaten.

When the proceedings before Civil Justice Stiner were ended, a married woman, who had been a friend of the defendant, testified that the boots were spoiled the rounded symmetry of Miss Shirley's pedal extremities, but the very thing which she testified to was a judge to satisfy himself of this fact by actual demonstration.

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Officers Believe a Self-Confessed Girl Horse Thief Innocent.

CARTAGE, No. 21—Lizelle Christie, an attractive girl of modest manners, pleaded guilty here yesterday to stealing a horse, harness and cartage at Webb City last Summer, and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. The officers say they have evidence to show that she is innocent.

Miss Kahan Sues for \$10,000.

Miss Ida Kahan has brought suit for \$10,000 damages against John Katzman, through her counsel, Louis Stecker, of 275 Broadway. Miss Kahan claims that she was engaged to Mr. Katzman in 1892, that he married her, and that he has since then been unfaithful to her.

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